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Congratulations to Gillian & Mick Jones on the new arrival, born the day after our Christmas Party in July. The last 2 months have seen many changes, read all about them in this issue. Even though it is cold outside there's been plenty happening to keep the Bisexual Movement motoring along. Curl up by the heater, grab a pen and enjoy this issue of the National Biways.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia and elsewhere.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the content of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of paedophillia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STD's and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of individuals to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the rights of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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Editorial:- Well time has flown & a lot has happened in these last two months, it has been a very busy couple of months for A.B.N. with parties, BBQ's, get togethers & the early arrival of a baby to members Gillian & Mick Jones. We would like to also welcome all of our new members and hope to see them at the upcoming events.

The A.B.N. computer has had an upgrade of a new hard drive to give us more room to do things although there are still a few bugs in it. We now have ICQ & our number is

16442611 with Aussiebi as the nickname.

We wish to welcome Brenda Greig as our new Women's Leader and Events Co-Ordinator, we hope you will all give her your support and help her to continue with events by offering help, suggestions and venues. ABN would like to thank Gillian for all her help, support and time that she gave to help so many.

Numbers have been down on some of the events, this is sad to see. The weather is now warming up so come join us at our events, we have had so much fun and you have been missing out. Winter is almost over, time to come away from the heater and support

the Bisexual Movement.

Congratulations to Shawn Dern of Brisbane who won the raffle of the foil picture. Thank you to everybody who bought tickets, the proceeds were donated to ABN. Thank

you to Gillian for donating the picture.

We had our first Christmas Party this year, in July, attendances were good. We hope to have warmer weather for the next Gold Coast BBQ, to the 11 people who came, thank you for braving the elements. We all enjoyed the day and vowed to do it again when the weather warmed up.

We really hope you enjoy this edition of the National Biways. Closing date for

the Nov/Dec Biways is the 14th of November. Thank you.

Hugs, Wayne, Bob & Brenda

Congratulations Are In Order

It is with great joy that I announce the birth of a boy to ABN members Gillian and Mick Jones of Thornlands, Queensland. Some of you know Gillian from the 1998 Bi Conference in Sydney and she marched in the Mardi Gras Parade this year. Unknown to her at the time, she was expecting her first baby and the experience must have made him a great little Aussie battler. Gill and Mick are both active members of the Brisbane Bi community.

Dalton Andrew Jones arrived prematurely, almost 15 weeks early, on 26 July 1998 and weighed just over 700grams. He is in good care at Brisbane's Mater Mothers Hospital. If you would like to send Gillian and Mick your best wishes, then do send them an e-mail to foil@mailbox.metrolink.net.au or give them a call on 0415-497859.

Congratulations Gillian and Mick.



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A True Story

by Ray Jackson

Belinda (not her real name) was arrested for drug possession and after a quick appearance before a magistrate was sent to the Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre (MRRC) at Silverwater. The MRRC is the new 900 bed gaol opened about a year ago with much fanfare that this was to be a 'user-friendly and safe gaol, a gaol that would greatly reduce deaths in custody. Belinda was a recognized transgender who presented as a female, although born a male. She had progressed through the transition to the point of having all the physical appearances of a woman but was still at the pre-op stage, i.e. the final change of genitalia had not yet been made. Instead of placing Belinda in a female prison - her designated sex - she was placed in a male prison.

Because of her recognized need for protection she was placed in the strict protection pod at the MRRC, to join two other transgender inmates and sixty odd male inmates. These strict protection inmates included paedophiles, vicious rapists and other inmates in need of strict protection. The NSW Department of Corrective Services was in the process during this time (late last year) of reviewing their Transgender Policy but because such a review was in process Belinda was treated and recognized, because of her birth sex, as a male prisoner, breasts and all!! The only official acceptance of her position was that she was to be placed in a single cell - if this was her request. She did. Regardless of this wink-and-a-nod to duty of care towards transgender inmates, within three days Belinda had been allegedly raped twice (orally and anally) and hung herself on 27 December last year.

Belinda's situation is not unique as transgender inmates suffer brutally at the hands of other inmates, custodial officers and staff. They are normally referred to as 'things' or 'it' and few have any understanding of their real needs. There are two witnesses to the rapes and statements have been made to the authorities investigating the suicide. This is normally not done. Especially where the transgender inmates are concerned. Discussions with other transgender inmates, along with meetings with the Gender Centre in Sydney opened up a world of absolute debasement and discrimination levelled at transgenders, whether incarcerated or not

Homophobia is bad enough but the treatment meted out to transgenders is total. Very few so called 'normal people' (should such exist) are comfortable in accepting transgenders as individuals who have suffered a genetic error - a female psyche in a male body or a male psyche in a female body. The System - whether capitalist or not - discriminates every day in every way against transgenders, in employment, medically, socially, especially by the police, the courts and our gaol system. They are put through every psychiatric and medical hoop merely because they need to change their birth sex to their preferred sex. Transgenders have the same human rights to a full and satisfying life as does every other person on this planet. There is, discussion between the Department of Corrective Services, Gender Centre, Anti Discrimination Board and even to the Indigenous Social Justice Association, among others on obtaining human rights for transgender inmates, of whatever stage of transition.

The new Transgender Policy has now been agreed to, with some reservations from some quarters. Discussion are now being held with the gaol officers union - the Prisons Officers Vocational Branch of the Public Service Association as to the implementation of the Policy into the NSW gaols. The new Policy (still labelled DRAFT) sets out that self identification as a member of the opposite sex is the only criterion for identification as a transgender. Such identification covers police stations/lock-ups, courts/court cells and all NSW gaols.

Persons received into the custody of the Department of Corrective Services who self-identify as a transgender have the right to be housed in a goal appropriate to their gender of identification, subject to certain provisions being met of course. Firstly all transgender inmates - at whatever stage of transition - will be received into the Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre (MRRC) for full induction screening. As was Belinda. Secondly Case Management will then decide where the inmate is to go. The Department has many good and enlightened Policies. Their implementation is something else.

In Transgender Warriors by Leslie Feinberg, there is a list of demands sought by transgenders on an international basis, called the International Bill of Gender Rights which was adopted on 17 June 1995. I strongly recommend the book to all who are interested in transgender issues. We can never throw enough people overboard to win approval from our enemies. Should we try to argue that we're as 'normal' as those who organize against our civil rights. The final word, or words, on the why, where and how of what is needed I leave to Frederick Douglas, a former Afro-American slave - If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favour freedom and yet deprecate agitation want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did, and it never will!

Belinda, we will continue to demand on your behalf.

DJADI-DUGARANG, The Newsletter of the Indigenous Social PO Box K555 Haymarket NSW 1240 Justice Association, Don Clark 02 96981985

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Editors comment: Having been in prison in QLD, I can say that this story really hits home on how some people are actually still treated inside.

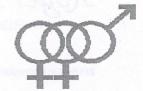
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Poem:

A Friend

A friend is like a shade tree Beside a summer way. A friend is like the sunshine That makes a perfect day. A friend is like a flower That's worn close to the heart. A friend is like a treasure With which one will not part.





Conference Planning Group

From the Boston International Bisexual Conference.

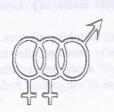
This is the group who attended the Session on **Future Conferences** facilitated by Fritz Klein. It was at this session that Rotterdam was selected to host the 6IBC in 2000 and Sydney to host 7IBC in

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Putting pets in the pink

POOCHES will be pretty in pink this year, despite howls of protest from peeved pet-owners. Local councils are being inundated with calls from growling dog-owners unhappy with this year's fluorescent pink registration discs. Playford Council area home to some 14,000 dogs has received more than 1000 complaints since the discs were released on July 1.

One woman claimed the disc would "clash" with the coat of her red setter. Another dog-owner threw the disc back at a cashier, claiming: "I'm not taking that home. My dog will kill me." The colour of the discs, which is the same throughout the State, is decided annually by the Dog and Cat Management Board. The board's chief executive officer, Mr Mick Cartwright, said pink had been chosen for its "practicality". "It's a quick reference for dog inspectors they can see the disc and straight away identify the registration status of a dog." A Playford Council spokeswoman said council staff had been "just staggered" by the number of comments about the discs. "People actually ask for another colour, pink is not a colour, it's an attitude." Other councils have also had to deal with irate dog-owners.

Marion has fielded up to six comments a day from bemused residents, the most common being: "Why should my boy dog wear a pink disc?" However, Unley Council has reported some positive feedback from owners of female dogs who are delighted their pets can "look pretty wearing a pink disc". Dog-breeder Mr Mick Hollobone urged owners to ignore the colour of the discs. "Register your dog for the sake of your dog and for the sake of your pocket if the council catches you," he said. Dog-owners have until August 31 to come to terms with the new colour and register their pets.

Source:: Laura Kendall The Advertiser newspaper.

Adelaide, South Australia

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Advertisement from USA Bi Magazine - "Anything that Moves".

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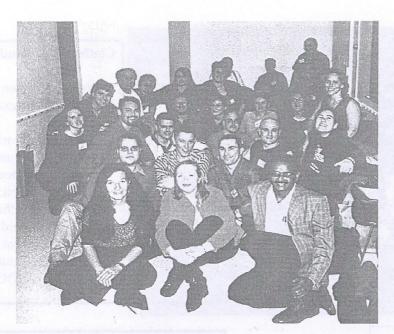
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information & referral, counseling & support, young women's groups, community education/ workshops, resource library, etc.

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International Group

This is the International Bisexual Networking Session at the 5IBC facilitated by Wayne Roberts. Present were Bi representatives from

Australia, USA, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Korea, India, Eire, England (UK), France, Netherlands, Germany, Finland and Israel.



Case Suggests Gender Identity Can Be Changed After Birth

A Canadian boy who was raised as a girl after his penis was irreparably damaged during circumcision continues to live as a woman, suggesting gender identity develops after birth, researchers say. The case is only the second documented instance of a boy being "assigned" a new gender after his genitals were mutilated during circumcision. The study, released yesterday in the July issue of the journal Pediatrics, contradicts the findings in the first case, in which

the boy returned to life as a male.

The Canadian who is living as a woman describes herself as bisexual. As of last summer, she was in a relationship with a woman. "When you think about the fact that this person was an entirely normal biological male prior to the circumcision accident, this case may shed some insight of how malleable someone's gender identity is," said Kenneth Zucker, one of the study's authors and a researcher with the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

In both cases, the testicles and remainder of the penis were removed and a vagina created. The patients also were given female hormones, which enabled them to develop breasts and other female traits. The operation in the first case was done at 21 months, versus seven months in the second case. Researchers say that may mean there is a "window" of time after birth -- some say up to age 18 months -- in which babies identify as neither boys nor girls.

In both cases, the patients studied had "tomboyish" characteristics. In the first case -- initially studied in 1973 at Johns Hopkins University -- the patient rejected dolls, tried to urinate standing up and decided to return to life as a boy at age 14, after learning about the operation. He also reported exclusive attraction to women and has since married



"When we're free to love anyone we choose When this world's big enough for all diffrent views When we can worship from own kind of pew Then we shall be free"
From Garth Brooks' CD "The Chase"
From the song "We Shall Be Free"

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National News



Ruling on rights of gay teacher rejected

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has provoked an angry response from the Federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commissioner by dismissing a commission recommendation that a lesbian activist be allowed to teach in its schools. The commission upheld a complaint brought by Ms Jacqui Griffin, a former president of the Gay and Lesbian Teachers and Students' Association, that the Catholic Education Office (CEO) had discriminated against her on the grounds of sexual preference by refusing her classification as a teacher in Catholic schools. A spokesman for the Catholic Archdiocese, Father Brian Lucas, said the ruling would not be regarded seriously by anyone who understood the issues.

Source: CHRIS McGILLION, Religious Affairs Editor Sydney Morr

Amnesty International Australia GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER NETWORK REVISED

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the 1998 National Annual General Meeting (NAGM) of Amnesty International Australia, held in Canberra from 22-24 May 1998. "The 1998 NAGM voted to increase the "visibility" of Amnesty International's work to combat human rights abuses of people on grounds of sexual orientation. The National Executive Committee are to include the LGBT Network, and its components parts, in any review it undertakes of specialist structures within the Section.

Source: DAVID McKELVEY Co-convenor Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Network Amnesty International Australia E-mail: AMNESTY@queer.org.au

AUSSIE FIRST: GAY FATHER WINS CUSTODY

For the first time in Australian history a gay man has won custody of his child. The man's ex-wife was found to have falsified evidence that the man sexually abused the boy, and the court said the mother's new household was dysfunctional, hysterical, stressed and crisis-ridden. The parties in the case were not named.

Source:Internet Newsgroup

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL INSTITUTE TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF AIDS IN LAOS

A leading Australian medical institute will play a key role in helping young people in Laos prevent the spread of HIV-Aids. The MacFarlane Burnett Centre in Melbourne, says so far, the epidemic is not severe. But officials at the centre say the country faces problems with the return of workers from neighbouring Thailand, because of Asia's economic problems. \$300,000 will be spent through AusAid in helping the Lao Youth Union assess the risk of HIV/Aids. This is not a project that supplies condoms or drugs, it's really a capacity building program to help the Loa Youth Union build its own capacity and ability to do their own planning, to seek funds from other donors, to approach and do research with youth and to design services that will be attractive to Loa youth.

Doctor accused of endangering lives of his family

A doctor, allegedly infected with HIV, is facing the Melbourne Magistrate's Court accused of endangering the life of his wife and child through unprotected sex. Christopher Dirks, 42, of Sydney has been charged with 19 offences, including conduct endangering life and fraud offences, relating to an alleged false insurance claim. The committal hearing was told in June 1993 Mr Dirks applied for an insurance policy against occupation-acquired HIV, signing a declaration that he had not engaged in sex with a man in the previous 15 years. Prosecutor Joe Dickson QC submitted that declaration was false. The court heard Mr Dirks made a claim later in that year and was diagnosed HIV positive in 1994. It was submitted Mr Dirks knew he had HIV when he engaged in sex with his wife before, during and after she was pregnant with their first child. The hearing is continuing.

SOURCE: Mark Proffit mailto:mark@qrd.org.nz or mailto:proffitt@nz.com AND ABC Australia - Online News

Syringe injuries 'high and rising'

Melbourne doctors, nurses and ambulance staff who have suffered accidental needle-stick injuries face an anxious three-month wait for results of HIV and hepatitis tests. Thousands of Australian hospital workers suffer needle-stick injury each year and the incidence is increasing. Doctors, nurses and scientists warn that the problem is far greater than statistics reveal, claiming that many injuries go unreported. Victorian WorkCover Authority figures show that the number of claims for needle-stick injuries jumped 12.6 per cent between 1996-97 and 1997-98. Source: DARREN GRAY Published by The Age Online

Media commended for promoting HIV awareness in sport

The Victorian AIDS Council has commended the media for the way it has handled the case of an HIV-positive footballer known as Matt. Matt wants to play in the Victorian Amateur Football Association, but is waiting for a decision on whether he will be banned after admitting he was HIV positive. The President of the Victorian AIDS Council, Leigh Johns, says football players talking to other players about HIV is a big plus in peer education."Organisations like the AFL or the VAFA don't have to reinvent the wheel. "We can very quickly come in and assist them to implement policies and procedures in relation to HIV in sport," Mr Johns said.

Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation



International News



3rd Annual British Columbia Bisexual Conference

BiNetBC's held the 3rd Annual British Columbia Bisexual Conference beginning August the 9th continuing through to Sept, 1998. Anyone from out of town planning on attending or participating may send accommodation enquiries or presentation proposals to binetbc@hotmail.com or BiNetBC, PO Box 53515, 984 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1KO. Registration forms will be available (online as well - binetbc@hotmail.com). ABN has full details if you're planning to go.

Rainbow Alley

Rainbow Alley, a gay, lesbian & bisexual youth centre opened in July with about 50 people attending, including Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, who stopped by to show his support. "This is a part of our community," he said, adding that it is not a place of controversy. Rainbow Alley is Denver's first supervised drop-in centre for gay, lesbian and bisexual people. Similar centres are operating in New York, Los Angeles, Seattle and Minneapolis, said Emily Hassler, director of youth services for the centre.

Source: Jean Richter -- richter@eecs.berkeley.edu The P.E.R.S.O.N. News

TASK FORCE RECEIVES GRANT FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

WASHINCTON, DC July,1998 The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) was recently awarded the Kellogg Foundation's first ever grant to a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) organization. The grant is for \$44,500 and will help fund the Task Force¹s Youth Leadership Institute. "We are honoured to have our work recognized and supported by the Kellogg Foundation," said Kerry Lobel, NCLTF executive director. Source: Jean Richter - richter@eccs.berkeley.edu The P.E.R.S.O.N. News

CHINA ANNOUNCES NEW AIDS CAMPAIGN

China is to launch a national campaign to check the spread of H-I-V, the virus that causes AIDS. It will aim to increase awareness of the disease through publicity and education campaigns, that will focus on the media, school and university discussions, and measures to encourage the use of condoms. Beijing says there have been 10-thousand AIDS infections in China, with 173 deaths from the disease.

Source:ABC News home page

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT - LONDON BI FESTIVAL

The 1st London Bisexual Festival is to be held at the University of London Union on 13th February 1999, to celebrate the joy of being bisexual. The day of fun and games, speakers, stalls, etc at a central London venue. This will be followed by a disco in the evening. There will be a march which will hopefully show that bisexuals "are doing it for themselves" and not having to "hang onto the coat tails of the Lesbian and Gay communities" and some have said. This event is NOT in competition to the National Bisexual Conference. Contact Marc Turner on 0956 896 589 or email LBF@biout.demon.co.uk

Source: Marc Turner London Bisexual Group

SCIENTISTS REPORT AIDS STRAIN RESISTANT TO POWERFUL DRUGS

Doctors have reported the spread of a strain of AIDS virus resistant to current medicines. The findings were reported by American and Swiss scientists at the 12th International AIDS conference in Geneva, where several cases of men who had been infected with a strain of the virus able to multiply even in the presence of protease inhibitors - the most powerful weapon against AIDS. Researchers say the emergence of the transmissible strains should be an important warning sign, there is NO reason to panic.

Source:ABC News home page

Bill Gates, Levis back quest for AIDS vaccine

Bill Gates owner of William H. Gates foundation, set up by the Microsoft chairman and his wife, Melinda, have donated \$1.5 million to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) to help accelerate development of a vaccine to combat AIDS. In a statement, Gates said: We make this gift with the hope that a safe, accessible vaccine can be developed to end AIDS for all time. This will require a sustained global effort and creative thinking from organisations at all levels. The non-profit organisation, founded two years ago in the United States has also received sponsorship from the Levi Strauss Foundation and a 200,000 pound grant from Britain, the first donation from a national government. The World Bank has raised its commitment to \$1 million this year from \$200,000.

Bisexual Swap

According to Woman's Day, George Clooney fro E.R. has ditch French girlfriend after falling for a Bisexual Brazilian T.V. star who has just signed up to play an HIV Positive patient in the new series of E.R. The new love Isis de Olivier "so happy about the match that she can't keep quiet about it".

Hate Crime Laws: Dangerous Folly

Top on the agenda of many gay and lesbian groups is enacting "hate crime" laws. Such laws require courts to evaluate language used during a crime to determine if the offence was motivated by "hatred" of the victim's religion, ethnicity, or- in some jurisdictions now- sexual orientation. If the crime is deemed "hateful," these new laws mandate harsher punishments.

Gay collaboration with drives to enact such measures is a terrible mistake, for hate crimes laws are incompatible with justice. Moreover, it is short-sighted for gay people to further arm the state with more ways to punish people for uttering words and holding attitudes judged offensive by the majority. We should, instead,

insist that courts treat everyone equally.

To determine if a hate crime has been committed, the government applies two political tests. The first test asks: is the victim a member of a group popular enough to be "protected"? While gay people make it over this hurdle in some jurisdictions, other- even less politically palatable groups- are inevitably left out. Is hating a communist to be illegal? What about drag queens or boylovers or devil worshippers? By drawing protective lines around some, others are thereby excluded, implicitly signaling that they are more appropriate targets for assault.

The second political test evaluates whether the offence was "hateful." Right-wing congressman Henry Hyde favors federal hate crimes laws because he hopes to turn throwing condoms at priests during ordination ceremonies from constitutionally protected free speech into a punishable act of hate. But were Pat Robertson ever to get into a scuffle with gay activists, his venomous damnation for queers will be, undoubtedly, deemed sacrosanct religious expression, never to be judged as prosecutable hate. Clearly, the government will find offensive words and actions directed against powerful groups as more "hateful" than those targeting the politically vulnerable.

Any political tests of speech are noxious and dangerous to political dissidents. Instead of trying to join the protected elite, gay people should insist that assault laws evaluate action, not political motivation. Someone who has had their teeth kicked in should have access to fair legal recourse regardless of their race, ethnicity,

sexual orientation, or political persuasion.

Gay people and other minorities have not traditionally benefited from those in power trying to control what was said about us or what we are called. Furthermore, establishing that people can be punished for hateful language invites further censorship. It is a short step of logic from hate crimes laws to bans on expressions deemed to "degrade" or "dehumanize" protected groups. Already, Canada seeks to silence pornographers on the grounds that anal sex and S&M "degrade" women (even if no women are depicted!), and various European jurisdictions enforce official Holocaust history and ban certain political rhetoric lest persecuted groups feel "dehumanized." It is, perhaps, understandable why our political organizations pursue campaigns for hate crimes laws- they are much easier to win than the more fundamental battle for sexual freedom.

Who wants to vote for "hate"? But giving the government broad new powers to punish unpopular views is a tragic error- hate crimes laws should be vigorously opposed. Protecting people's freedom of expression means allowing them to dislike, even to hate, other people- and to voice their opinions without fear that the coercive power of the state will be used to punish or silence them. Physically attacking or threatening someone with harm is a crime. Calling them names should not be.

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The International "Renildo Jose dos Santos Memorial Award for Bisexual Activism was award to Alejandra Sarda of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Presented in Boston at the 5th International Bisexual Conference by Robyn

Ochs of the Bisexual Resource Centre. the 1997 award winner.

ABN initiated this annual international award and accepts nominations from which are then reviewed by an international panel. The decision is then announced early in the year and the Award is presented at a national

Award is presented at a national or international bisexual event.

Nominations are now being accepted of bisexual activists who have been active in the bisexual or GLBT communities, human rights movement at a national, regional or international level. Renildo Jose, dos Santos, an out bisexual activist in the Brazilian Gay Rights Movement, was assimated in 1993.





Sept/Oct 1998

THE BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Bisexual Resource Centre is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing information and educational resources to bisexual groups around the world. The centre has hosted six regional conferences on bisexuality and three BiFests since 1984 and publishes the Bisexual Resource Guide.

The Bisexual Resource Centre is pleased to announce its new domain name: biresource.org
The following web sites are now available under this domain:

Bisexual Resource Centre - http://www.biresource.org
Bisexual Bookstore - http://www.biresource.org/bookstore
Biversity Boston - http://www.biresource.org/biversity
Boston Bisexual Women's Network - http://www.biresource.org/bbwn
Bisexual Characters in Film - http://www.biresource.org/bookstore/bifilm.html



REACH OUT!

http://www.reachout.asn.au

Reach Out! is an Internet-based service for young people going through difficult times. The Reach Out! project aims to reduce Australia's high rates of youth suicide and self harm through prevention by means of an interactive web site. It was launched in March of this year by the Federal Minister for Family Services, and received widespread financial support through the Triple J Real Appeal.

Over 20,000 people have made use of the service, and feedback has been very positive. Particularly heartening have been comments from young people who have told us that without Reach Out! they may not have been alive today. Each year, between 25,000 and 45,000 Australians aged 15-24 attempt suicide, and many more go through tough times. The ABS estimates that 1 in 4 young

Australians will experience a mental illness in any given year, and 60% of this group will not seek help. Reach Out! is able to help many people who do not use traditional help points, as the anonymity and accessibility of the Internet allows young people to feel comfortable about seeking help. You can view the web site at: http://www.reachout.asn.au

Source: David McKelvey Reach Out

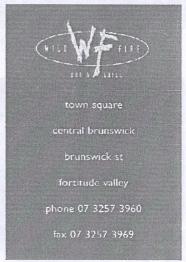
ABOUT SPONSORING AN OVERSEAS BI FRIEND

Hi fellow Members and friends! Do you realise it is only about \$5-00 (or less) to post over a *National Biways* to our overseas Members? Every two months or so. Not a lot really, but it all adds up for ABN when we have about twenty countries we currently have people wishing our magazine and/or penfriends from Australia. ABN has taken on the responsibility of helping Bi people from particularly developing countries as part of our role of host to ILGA's Bisexuality Information Pool.

As you know, ABN is a non-profit organization, unfunded by grants, relying upon donations, volunteers and the \$20.00 or less Membership Fees. Would you like to contribute, in a small, way that would be hugely appreciated? By sponsoring an Overseas Member, all you would need to do, would be to post off a *National Biways* to them, along with a note about yourself and what is happening in your patch of Oz. Ask them to write about themselves and their country, and bisexuality. We can then publish their stories/photos and ours in *National Biways* to develop a greater sense of support and unity amongst all of us. If anyone can correspond in Spanish or any other language, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to be a part of this, please send a note to us via the P.O. Box, addressed:

Jewel Phoenix ABN (OS Sponsoring), P.O. Box 490, Lutwyche Q 4030

P.S. If you are not yet an A.B.N. Member, please join us - we really appreciate any show of support and value new friendships tremendously. And for those of you whose membership is up for renewal, your renewal makes us feel valued as volunteers and encourages us, without Members ABN would not exist. Thank you. Some of the countries are: Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Guam, Indonesia, India, Nepal, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Malta, Ghana, England, Norway, Cuba, Guatemala, Argentina and Brazil.



Quote: "A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." (William James)

SIGN UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS!

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) lists the basic rights and freedoms which every person in the world is entitled to. This year the UDHR turns 50. Amnesty International, an organisation which works for basic freedoms around the world, is celebrating with all Australians. Amnesty International is collecting the signatures of 10 million people who support the rights in the UDHR. One million people will carry those signatures through the streets of Paris and present them to the United Nations on Human Rights Day, 10 December 1998. This is your chance to make your voice heard by world leaders. Here's what you can do:

1. Send an email to <udhr50th@amnesty.org.au> with your name in the subject and the following text in the body of the message: "I support the rights and freedoms in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all people, everywhere."

2. Forward this message to as many people as you can.

For more information about Amnesty International or the UDHR, visit our website at:

http://www.amnesty.org.au or email us at <udhr50th@amnesty.org.au>.

YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO CELEBRATE!

"Bessie" - the queer-friendly abortion clinic

The Bessie Smyth Foundation runs Australia's only feminist abortion clinic, the Powell Street Clinic, located in Homebush, N.S.W. "Bessie" does not receive any government funding and survives on a non profit basis. Lesbian, bisexual and queer women have been involved with the clinic, as Board members, doctors, counsellors and patients, over the 21 years it has been open. Our reproductive and sexual health care services recognise the clinic's commitment to the visibility and specific needs of lesbian, bisexual and queer women, sex industry workers and women living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. All women who visit "Bessie" receive non-judgemental, pro-choice counselling and information about their contraceptive and pregnancy options. Pre and post abortion counselling is available on request. The clinic also offers a range of services for "well women" including pap smears, and aims to challenge, through staff training and community education, the homophobic myth that lesbian-identified women are not at risk of cervical cancer, and therefore do not require regular pap smear screening. The needs of women who use abortion services has not changed, but the focus of the abortion industry has. We have found that other services have become so medicalised and mechanised that women's needs get lost in the system. Bessies is "unique" in its commitment to providing woman focused care and respect of the individual at all times. Our clinic days are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. We can be reached by phone 9-5 every week day and on Saturday mornings on 9764 4133 and by fax on 9764 1844. Contributed by Sam and Carolyn from The Powell St Clinic

OUR NATION

An Internet site has been set up to register a protest regarding One Nation's policies. It is being supported by people and groups as diverse as Kim Beazley, Cheryl Kernot, Bob Carr, Jeff Kennett, Peter Collins, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, National Union of Students, Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW, Australasian Union of Jewish Students, the Democrats, etc. (I bet you never thought you'd see the Democrats and Cheryl Kernot (and Jeff Kennett and Bob Carr) listed together!) If you're interested the address is: http://www.protest.org/

Catherine Lawrence, Melbourne Uni Student Union Welfare Officer ph- 9344 6973, email-catherine@union.unimelb.edu.au

EVERYONE READ THIS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMITTED OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM YOUR HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOS, VIBRATORS, ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DON'T PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.



JOKE: Why can't todays women become successful carpenters? Because all their lives they've been told that this

--| Is 8 Inches

Bi A Badge

The Australian Bisexual Network has produced a number of badges specifically for the Bi community and bi groups in Australia. They are \$2 each plus \$1.50 postage & packaging. Some badges are simple black on white while others are part or fully coloured.

Slogan Badges:

Bi Australian Made.

Big Beautiful Bisexual.

Happy Bi Nature.

Bisexual But Not Bashful.

Bi Pride.

Bi Pride with logo.

Bi Pride Brisbane.

Bi Pride with double triangles logo in centre.

Map of Australia with logo in centre.

Map of Australia with logo in centre and Bi outside map.

Our Yin Yang logo.

Person coming out of Closet with slogan "Out Bisexual".

Group Badges:

Australian Bisexual Network.

Brisbane BiFem with our yin yang logo in centre

BiFem Brisbane with our logo in centre.

Brisbane Bi Youth with logo.

Melbourne Bi Youth with logo.

Sydney Bi Youth with logo.

Sydney BiFem with logo.

Sydney Bisexual Network.

Townsville Bi Group with logo.

If you have a particularly good slogan and want it turned into a badge tell us. If you are interested in purchasing a badge please contact ABN.











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ABN's New Find A Word

BISEXUAL LOVE YINGYANG BIWAYS CONDOM FRIEND DAM BARBI AIDS **BIPHOBIA** PRIDE RAINBOW HOMOPHOBIA SEX **MASTURBATE** LUBE WET STUFF LATEX ILGA

If you have a puzzle, crossword, find a word, maze, whatever, feel free to send them to us with the solution and we will put them in the Biways for all to enjoy.

If you want the solution, contact ABN. Have Fun



The ladies having a good time at Bar Bi, the last for Gillian before the baby arrived.





Locs of joy was had by all at the Christmas Darty in July held at Bob and Brenda's.

We are all left wondering if the baby is trying to tell Gillian something as the very next day Dalton was born.





Lot of mischief to be had with plenty of mistletoe spread through out the house.

Bob and Vicki surprised Brenda with a floating piece of mistletoe.

We had plenty to eat and drink and there was much merriness about.



Smile for the little birdie.
James and Shawn at Bar
Bi in front of the newly
installed poker machines.
Unfortunately the
management of the Rat
& Parrot Hotel removed
the Pool Tables.







National Bi Listings

Australian Bisexual Network & its Bisexual Community Information Service

PO Box 490 Lutwyche, Brisbane Queensland Australia 4030

Tel. (07) 3857 2500 (+61-7-3857 2500 from overseas) Mobile: 0416-068 532

1800-653 223 toll free from outside Brisbane (please use only if absolutely necessary).

E-mail: ausbinet@rainbow.net.au Home Page: http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet

Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN with Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month for coffee and chat. Contact us for details or refer to our calendar of events.

Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel, Cnr. Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley is held on the 2nd Saturday And the 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to Midnight.

Lunch Time Drop-In is on each Thursday 12Noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets twice monthly and organises speakers and Social events for bi women and women Questioning their sexuality. Call Brenda on (07) 3290 4069

Brisbane Bi Youth (BBY)

Meets on the 1st Saturday each month at Southbank Or City. Call Shawn (07) 3871 0160 or e-mail Chris At chrisrow@rainbow.net.au for location.

COCO

Tweed Valley Lesbian Social Group. For more information women can call (02) 6676 3332.

Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, can be Contacted be calling Julie on 014-971 582.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month from 8pm, Upstairs, Macro Wholefoods, 170 King Street, Newton. For information on Sydney Events & meetings call (02) 9565-4281 or check their web site at http://bi.org/~sbn or e-mail: sbn@bi.org

Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

PO Box 73 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010. Meetings are at 7.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Pride Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, 2010. SBY can be contacted by e-mailing sby@queer.org.au Or by ringing Glenn on 0414-664 888 or Sam on 015-677 016. Their web site can be found at:-http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/

Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

Due to some unforeseen problems the only contact we can offer is a mobile phone number: 0413-975 731. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Project

PO Box 350 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010 Or phone (02) 9206 2026 (business hours).

Sydney Bi Fem Social Group

A social group for bi and curious women especially those married with children. Meets regularly. Contact Karen by e-mail to: peace@one.net.au or check out their homepage at: http://www2.one.net.au/~peace Please phone (02) 9447 5924

Guys Like Us

A social group for gay, bisexual and curious guys under 30 meets monthly at both Maclean & Grafton in NSW. Call Sean or Jon on (02) 6645 3863.

Babelicious

Contact newsletter for women who love women. PO Box 357 Rozelle NSW 2039

Victoria

Melbourne Bisexual Network (MBN)

This new group has formed recently to fill the void following the disbanding of Bisexual Awareness Melbourne (BAM). They have taken over the old BAM postal box. For info call Andrew on (03) 9576 8471 or e-mail to

andrew.van.der.stock@member.sage-au.org.au

Joke: S&M&M

What you call kinky sex with chocolate.

Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

Call Catherine on (03) 9521 4128 or e-mail her at catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au for details on MBY events and location.

http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/9202/

Bi & Partners Social Club (Geelong)

For info on this new group for bisexual people and their partners, call Marci on (03) 5253 3103 or e-mail Darryl at d_medley@hotmail.com Our homepage site is: http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/New icq# 8852103 Postal address: PO Box 388, Drysdale, Vic 3222.

Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counseling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library. Contact: The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Monte Albert, VIC 3127 or phone (03) 9890 1068 or GAMMALINE (03) 9899 0509. Email:gpnewst@vicnet.net.au http://www.vicnet.net.au/~abma

Tasmania

Tasmanian Gay & Lesbian Rights Group C/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001. E-mail

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Region Bisexual Network (CRBN) PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group (ABSG)

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and bifriendly people. If you are interested please call Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone: (08) 8340 3538

Bi The Way is an online newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community. http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html

Bi The Way E-Mail List

A new mailing list for bisexuals in the Adelaide area. The address is: btw@queer.org.au To subscribe, send an email to: Majordomo@queer.org.au and in the body of the email put the words subscribe btw

Western Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network (WABN) PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155 E-mail: numbers@wantree.com.au

Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group write to PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849 or Phone Paula on: 041 2281 591

WAYWAYRD

Social Support Society of Western Sydney
To improve facilities, services and friendships amongst
the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual
community in the Western Suburbs of Sydney, Roger
Levi and Sam Hodgkinson have formed this group.
The group intends to establish a vital and effective
social, political and personal support network for the
'Community' of Western Sydney. Wayward is open to
any "LGBT's" living, working or originating from the
Western Suburbs of Sydney and you must be over 18
years of age to join. Wayward, PO Box 4092
Parramatta NSW 2124 Mobile: (041) 740 3493
Email: rlevi@mail.usyd.edu.au

Men's Line

Support, information and referrals to men who have sex with other men but don't identify as gay. Call 08-9322 8401 or 1800-671 130.

Bisexual Meeting House (Perth)

Drop in centre for bisexual men providing sexual & social contact & group support. Call Keith on 08-9368 2575 (Sundays only).

Freedom Centre

Drop-in centre for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth in Perth. Open 3-10pm Wed, Fri & Sat. 134 Brisbane Street, Northbridge. Call 08-9228 0354 or write to PO Box 1510, West Perth WA 6872.

Enigma

Women partners of Bisexual Men support group. Call "Jane" on 08-9446 5092 after hours.

JOKE: Two bums were sitting on a street curb, bored as ever. Then, one of them got an idea, saying "I know, let's play swords!" "Play swords?" asked the other. "How?" "Simple. Whip it out, smack it till it's hard, and we both whack'em together like swords." So they did, and they were running up and down the street, smacking their dicks together playing swords. After a while, one of the bums became exhausted. "I'm tired," he said bending over, "Why don't you just kill me!, kill me!



Northern Territory KATHCON

KATHCON is a new group forming for bisexual people in the Katherine region of the NT. Write to Peter, c/-KATHCON, PO Box 417 Katherine, NT 0851

Other Bi Resources

OzBi - E-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: subscribe ozbi to majordomo@queer.org.au (leave subject line blank). To send E-mail message to list: ozbi@queer.org.au

Australian Queer Resources Directory (AusQRD)

Do have a look at the new format of the AusQRD which can be found at: http://ausqrd.queer.org.au/ The AusQRD is a resource of links, library and archives of things that may be of use to the Australian, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and otherwise queer communities.

Escrita en el Cuerpo, Lesbian, Bisexual and Different Women's Archives and Library

Mailing address: Guardia Vieja 4329 7mo H, Buenos Aires. E-mail: ales@wamani.apc.org

Phone: (54 1) 361 36 43 Fax: (54 1) 382 90 95

Bisexual Married Men of America

http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dastony/bmma.html

Queer Disabled E-mail List

This list is for women, ages 15 to 25, who are disabled and are lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. We discuss issues which effect our lives, such as sex issues, coming out, etc. We strive to be community oriented and uphold a positive level of support. If you're interested, check out our website at: http://www.gimpgirl.com/queergirlies.html

OR email me at: birdie@gimpgirl.com

Jen Panattoni

Spouse Support Lists Update

The Spouse Support Mailing List (SSML)

SSML is an Internet mailing list for straight spouses and their bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing. The List also includes couples where one is bisexual and the other gay or lesbian and where both are bisexual and working through issues in their relationship. Membership is confidential. TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an E-mail message to: Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at http://www.mailinglist.net/ssml The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub ssml or sub ssml-digest E-mail questions concerning SSML to: MGRSSML@MailingList.net

JOKE: "Hey Doc, every time my wife and I make love, my balls turn purple." "Are you and your wife using the diaphram that I recommended?" "Yes sir, every time." "Hmm, What type of jelly are you using?" "Grape."

The SOTTS Mailing List (SOTTS)

The SOTTS Mailing List is an Internet mailing list for bisexual, gay, or lesbian partners in mixed orientation relationships who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating or divorcing. The SOTTS List is not moderated; it is a closed list so that only lesbigay spouses will be members. The subscription list is private. TO SUBSCRIBE: Send mail message a Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: http://www.mailinglist.net/sottss The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub sotts or sub sotts-digest E-mail auestions concerning SOTTS MGRSOTTS@MailingList.net

Bisexual Network of the Philippines

http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/binetph.htm

The STR8S Mailing List (STR8S)

The STR8S Mailing List is an Internet mailing list for straight spouses of bisexual, gay or lesbian partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive for those couples who are separating and divorcing. The Str8s List is not moderated; it is a closed list so that only straight spouses will be members. The subscription list is private. TO SUBSCRIBE: Send an mail message to:

Majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at: http://www.mailinglist.net/str8s The first (not subject) line of the message should be: sub str8 or sub str8s-digest E-mail questions concerning STR8S to: MGRSTR8S@MailingList.net

OzSpouse-Support - E-mail list for straight Spouses and their bisexual, lesbian, gay or transgender spouses. To Subscribe, send the command: subscribe OzSpouse-Support to majordomo@queer.org.au This is a closed list where only members can post and see messages.

Jewish Bi E-Mail List

Biachad - an E-mail list for Jewish Bisexuals and their admirers. Since the inception of the bisexual movement, very little attention has been paid to the development of a 'Jewish bisexual' identity. With this list, we are bringing Judaism and bisexuality together to see if the two can coexist. Simply send mail to: majordomo@byz.org In the body of the message just write the following: subscribe biachad (your e-mail address) Once we get your request, we'll send you more info. Shalom, Adam & Paulette

Pen Search Worldwide

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Correspondence Club

Pen search has 1500+ members from 90+ countries Worldwide. Our members are Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and we have been operating since 1988. Our main aim is to bridge the gap between Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people Worldwide, and to form true and lasting friendships. We are a non-profit organisation. For free info please write to: Pen Search, PO Box 1103, Eastwood, New South Wales, 2122, Australia. E-mail: stevensp@tpgi.com.au

IBII PERSONALS SEP/OCT 1998

THESE PERSONAL ADVERTS ARE PUBLISHED FREE FOR MEMBERS OF ABN.

The Australian Bisexual Network reserves the right to edit offensive ads or refuse to publish ads. If you have a complaint about an advertiser please inform ABN and we will contact advertiser or remove personal ad from BIWAYS. All advertisers should contact ABN if they move address or wish their personal ad deleted. Personal Ads from non-ABN members will cost \$5 and appear for two issues. Personal ads from members will be published for four issues of BIWAYS then deleted automatically unless renewed by advertiser. ABN does not accept any liability or responsibility for ads published in BIWAYS. Personal ads will also appear on ABN's Bi Personals Pages on the internet unless advertiser indicates otherwise.

ABN advises all readers to only have SAFER SEX (use condoms & dams & plenty of water based lubricant).

HOW TO REPLY TO ADVERTS: WRITTEN REPLIES ONLY.

- 1. Place your reply in a sealed stamped envelope.
- 2. Write the advert CODE on the front centre or top right of envelope.
- 3. Put this envelope together with \$3 or \$5 for two replies in another envelope (stamps, money order or cheque accepted).
- 4. Post it to ABN, PO Box 490, Lutwyche, Queensland 4030.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

USE CONDOMS, DAMS & WATER-BASED LUBE FOR SAFE FUN TIMES TOGETHER

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (Far North Coast).

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1.

BATHURST (Central Mid West).

ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetero guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. Code NS-S5.

CENTRAL COAST / SYDNEY.

BI MAN with a strong apperciation and preference for women, but Bi, wanting to meet a Bi or Straight female. I'm keen to form a committed relationship with a woman who is spiritually inclined, open to the possibility of having a child, attractive, slim & possibly interested in meditiation or personal growth. I'm 41, 6 feet tall, attractive, blue eyes, dark hair, beard, fit, well educated, spiritually inclined & leading a reasonably healthy lifestyle. I'm looking for someone with more similarities than differences. If this sounds worthy of exploration please wite, photo would be appreciated. Code NS-H6.

COOMA (South East Highlands).

FARMER 43, Snowy Mtns. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit, seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship / relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. Code NS-C3.

NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au Code NS-H4.

HUNTER VALLEY, NSW.

BI TRANSSEXUAL WOMAN Hi. I love adventure and have all sorts of interests (check out my homepage at:-

http://www.trl.aust.com/pollychrome/). I'm looking for social contact and friendship with other bisexuals who share those interests. This is NOT an advert for sexual encounters, because I can't imagine having sex with people I don't know. Care to get to know me? See my home page and e-mail me from there. Code NS-S6.

JUNEE / ANYWHERE.

BI MALE looking for a penfriend/s and maybe more. I am 45 years old, short brown hair, have tatts on both arms, approx 100kg, 181cm tall. I enjoy sport and training, reading books, good music not head banging rubbish, not to say I don't like Rock and Roll or Heavy Metal as long as it is good. I love bush land but also love going out to party. I am Bi and love sex in general. I am at present in a Correctional Centre and am looking toward having someone write to me as a pen pal to see if they want to open their heart and mind towards some sort of friendship. Ernie.

Code NS-W3.

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. Code NS-A1.

LISMORE (Far North Coast).

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SE Queensland welcome. Code NS-B5.

SYDNEY.

PROFESSIONAL M/F COUPLE both 28 yrs, she 5'7, large breasts, attractive, intelligent, seek; intelligent, attractive, open minded bi-female, 20-30 years in the inner city -Sydney region to satisfy females sexual desires and fantasies with another woman. Female is very bi and very frustated in the lack of f/f sex. First timers welcome. Threesomes considered. Females only please! E-mail to: lesko@real.net.au

SYDNEY

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. Code NS-P4.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BABINDA / NTH. OUEENSLAND

ON HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH short term accommodation is available with biguy in his home for travellers to North Queensland., close to Cairns, the Tablelands and rainforest. Code QD-M17.

BRISBANE

YOUNG LADY 25yrs.old, non-smoker, medium build, 5ft 5in, brown eyes, fair skin, seeking Bi lady, non-smoker, social drinker, kind, considerate, compassionate, understanding, patient, for long term relationship, prefer someone 5'7" to 6', 26-33 yrs old, femine, well-groomed, attractive who likes to talk & listen, likes movies, travelling, videos, bowling and animals. Intimacy & romance a must, be fit and healthy & into gym. Hoping you keep an open mind & not afraid to give sex toys a go to give & keep the fires burning (if we are compatable) in the relationship. Write back soon stating Code QD-M19. Letters from women anywhere are also welcome.

BRISBANE.

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. Code QD-C9.

BRISBANE.

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 23 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. ALA. Code QD-T6.

BRISBANE

BI FEMALE (43, size 10) looking for another bi female for friendship and fun, sexy times. I am married and my husband would like to watch but not necessarily to participate. Code QD-W10.

BRISBANE

BI COUPLE (M50, F43) looking for Bi male to become part of a mutually satisfying 3-some. Must have a hassle free approach and NS. ALA. Code OD-W9.

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. Code QD-S13.

BRISBANE/REDCLIFFE.

BI GUY middle aged, but well preserved, divorced, non-smoker, social drinker, smooth, trannie, very passive, very loving, seeks Bi guy, non-smoker for friendship & relationship if suited. David. Photo & phone number would be nice. ALA. Code QD-M18.

BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. Code QD-L8.

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

B1 GUY 23 yrs old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. Code QD-D10.

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44, fit, solid to medium build, some say ruggedly handsome, shiftworker, would like to meet pre-op transsexual, transsexual or crossdresser for friendship and good times, hopefully a relationship will develop with right person. I am single and live alone, photo and phone number would be appreciated. Warren. Code R22.

BRISBANE

BI MALE tall, slim, good looking, 37 year old Bi male looking for a couple for fun & sexy times. Very outgoing. Prefer daytimes if possible. Code OD-R23.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY mid 40's secure seeks r'ship with slim attractive Bi lady to 40 yo. Want to enjoy all the good things of life even more with fun-loving adventurous companion. Photo & phone number would be greatly appreciated. ALA. Code QD-F2.

IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES PLEASE LET US KNOW SO IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. Code QD-K7.

BRISBANE / GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both / all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA. Code QD-A3.

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, write soon. QD-R13.

CABOOLTURE

BI MALE mid 30's would like to meet Bi males or females for friendship or more who are under 34 years of age. I am 5'10" tall, 70kg in weight and have olive skin and shoulder length hair. I am a smoker and social drinker. Please reply with photo if possible. ALA. Pen pals welcome. Code QD-L9.

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GOLD COAST.

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. Code QD-B19.

GYMPIE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI CURIOUS LADY attractive, married, 46 yo, non-smoker, social drinker, size 14-16, wishes to correspond with similar lady married or single for friendship and sexy times. Husband not necessarily involved in early stages. Discretion assured and expected. Your photo gets ours. ALA. Code QD-J10.

SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-H9.

USE CONDOMS, DAMS & WATER-BASED LUBE FOR SAFE FUN TIMES TOGETHER

VICTORIA (VIC).

MELBOURNE.

BISEXUAL WOMAN seeks same. I am 29 and still living with exboyfriend. Medium build, long hair, I am into wholefood and martial arts. Looking for non-smoking Bi woman (single or attached) under 40 with a great sense of humour and an interest in sex. Code VI-H4.

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall & need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, No one-nighters. Code VI-H1.

MELBOURNE.

BI WOMAN My name is Nicole and I live in Melbourne, Victoria. I am 24 years old, have brown hair blue eyes and of light build. I am looking for bisexual women or lesbian females for the occasional sexual interludes for I-on-I only. Must have blonde/brown hair, blue, brown or hazel eyes. If interested and want to know more e-mail me, I'd love to hear from you. Email Nicole at agro@webconcept.com.au

MELBOURNE.

BI WOMAN Hello anybody my name is Cathy. I live in the southern area of Melbourne. I'm looking for someone with a like mind to share time with. If we get along in email I would love to meet. I work and am educated with a degree in Enviro Studies. I don't work in my field of study though. I'm 33 years old and very easy going. I'm chubby but hopefully not to way over the top. I'm short and make it just over 5 feet. I have hazel eyes and brown hair. So if you are interested please contact me on troppy66@hotmail.com

MELROURNE

COUPLE We are a Bi-Lady - 36 tear old, Ex model, 5'4" olive skin, black shoulder length hair, brown eyes, and 47 year old Man, young looking and attractive professional, 5'10", olive skin, Short brown hair, blue eyes. We are looking for a genuine bi-lady who wants commitment, honesty and sincerity from us and is willing to return it. We would prefer a non-smoker, with or without children. An attractive person with an open mind and sense of humour would be most desirable. Please e-mail us at MelbourneCouple@hotmail.com We would love to hear from you.

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY 42 year old married bi guy looking for a clean and friendly couple for light bi contact. I am slim, friendly and squeeky clean and I would like to meet a couple where the guy likes male touch while having sex with his partner. Would be able to massage you both and provide touch and encouragement to the male. No intercourse required. My reward would be a nice bisexual massage from you both. Age and nationality open. Only safe sex activities. I am non-pushy and will respect any limits set. E-mail me at McKenzieComputerMail@bigpond.com

MELBOURNE.

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or m/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. Code VI-S2.

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY 56 years old, living Peninsular, clean, nudist. I'm looking for either Bi or gay guys for sessions of kissing, stroking and hot sex. I am versatile and also love to crossdressing with other guys. I'd also love to meet a couple for sex. Code VI-C2.

MILDURA.

GUY Peter, 42 and married, would like to get in contact with other gay/bi, married men in Mildura area. Want to chat initially, (then possibly meet). Please write to my (anonymous) address, tnias@usa.net Discretion is absoulutely essential.

REMEMBER ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFER SEX NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.

NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES

TASMANIA (TAS).

HOBART.

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. Code TA-F1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY.

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Write quoting: Code WA-O2.

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 36 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman. Code WA-J1.

PERTH.

BI WOMAN Hi, I'm a 21 yr old bi female looking for a bi female also whose within the age range 18-25. If you like pub-crawling or just sitting by the beach to watch the sunset, as well as going for concerts and movies and catching a few games of very badly-played pool, then email me please at Astarte76@rocketmail.com or write quoting Code WA-Y1. Lesbians (androgynous or femme ones ONLY please.) may respond as well.

PERTH.

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an ongoing relationship. Code WA-Z1.

OVER SEAS (OS).

EUROPE

BURSA, TURKEY.

TWO GUYS Aged 24 & 17, students, like travelling, listening to music, drinking, sex, entertainment, dancing, etc. We want to correspond in Turkish or English with 16-35 year old gay or bisexual guys. If you want to correspond, write with photo to this address: Baris - Mustafa, MBE 201, Altiparmak Caddesi, No:17/B BURSA - TURKEY.

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'll bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. strt.-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to:

Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofsplatz 5/#49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (++49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office.

E-mail: rguha@eso.org

NICOSIA, CYPRUS.

BI GUY 53y, Greek professional, unattached top, in search of mature (in mind) Aus Bi male to discuss bi matters, become friends and may be lovers, echange visits (I can host, will U?). Look at my homestead (under construction) and e-mail me, Dinos, at adonis212cy@geocities.com No games please.

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 32 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, would love to correspond with new Bi friends in Australia. My interests include travel (I've experienced of gay scene in Brisbane), Aussie soaps, radio and Media Studies, the Arts & Aussie beach & sports clothes. Please write soon and I will answer all letters received, to: Mr. Julian Watson, 62 Betjeman Avenue, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 8JY, ENGLAND.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK & LONDON, ENGLAND

STRAIGHT ACTING GAY BIKER with closeted bisexual leanings looking for another guy with a sense of commitment. I'm 39, 6', with a beefy build, discreet tattoos, blue eyes, moderately hairy and quite muscular (nice legs). My hair is always no. 2 or 3 crop, but I really turn onto blokes with long hair (as well as buzztops, skins and ordinaries). Biking is my passion, my life. I bike to work, bike on holiday, bike to go out, bike for fun. Leather is not so much a fetish as a lifestyle for me, but yes - I do wear it in bed sometimes too. Sexually, I like to dominate, but also to switch roles. To turn me on, a guy has to be masculine, straight-acting and affectionate. I like to drink, (rarely) smoke, do the odd joint and generally mellow out with a guy in front of a good film, some spacey music or even a hot video. Like longish, varied sessions in bed followed by warm body contact and a naked sleeping man besides me at night. I'm a top graduate, arty, creative, selfemployed, financially independent and love reading, creative writing, travelling, computers, films, classical through to heavy metal and soul, as well as good food and drink, but also the outdoor life, walking and camping. I consider myself to be spiritual (what Scorpio doesn't?!) and a one-off. Maybe that's why I'ver never found a true soul-mate, but I never give up trying. Ideally, I'd like to meet a together guy somewhere between 25-40, not shorter than 5'10", beefy/athletic/muscular build, good looking and into light kink (uniforms, leather etc.) who has his act together but needs to find the final piece of the jigsaw. And you know what they say about the last piece - it never quite comes in the shape you're expecting. E-mail to Chris at: leatherbiker@writeme.com

AMERICAS.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA

YOUNG GUY Cuban citizen, 20 years old wishes to have a friend no age limits. I'm 1.78 meters, dark brown eyes & brown skin. I like the beach, Nature, to read books & practice sports. I would like it if you had similar likes. Write to: Ismael Yanier Diaz Cabrera, Edif 43A, apart 2, Pueblo Griffo, Cienfuegos 5, cp 55500 CUBA.

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 34 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, cp 80900 CUBA.

We have more personal ads from Cuban men and women in our section on Penpals and Supporting an Overseas Person. See Page 27.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA.

BI CURIOUS GUY Hello: I'm a single male that lives in Orlando Florida. I'm 43 years old. I'm seeking bi-women for a long term relationship. I'm bi-curious, and very open-minded. And so I'm also seeking couples that may be visiting the Central Florida area for safe encounters. Please contact me at: marcos1@webtv.net

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA.

Straight Southern California (San Diego) MALE 35, very attractive, intelligent, athletic, professional (writer), always a gentleman. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, confident, bi or bi-curious Australian woman (about 25-35) for committed, lifelong relationship here in America. Would you like to meet a loving, attentive, affectionate American man who will allow you to explore and satisfy your bisexual desires? Please e-mail me at pwillems@qualcomm.com

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Okahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.

ASIA.

MALANG, INDONESIA..

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is Kristanko Linardi, jl. Simpang Borobudur II / 10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to estasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. Code OS-K1.

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

STRAIGHT GUY seeking correspondence & friendship with Bisexual woman. Please e-mail Cen at; garden@public.sta.net.cn

AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA..

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIAN LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 years, attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA..

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22 years old, fit, slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. Emmanuel K. Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIAN GUY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians. Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

GAY/BI PALS / FRIENDSHIP WANTED Cute really nice good looking black handsome single professional, passionate and just out on the Scene and keep saying to myself, I will prefer total honesty and absolute emotional genuiness in all my relationships. I like true and stable one to one. Seeking ideal companion men, if ladies, they should be single. Interested should contact: Henry A. Kissi, Box ST 427, Acera STC, GHANA.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

LOOKING FOR BI PALS two good looking young Ghanaian black guys, seeks Australian pals with view to exchange visits, friendships and more. All letters answered. Tony / Agyei, PO Box 1862, Sunyani - B/A, High Street, Downtown, GHANA.

PACIFIC OCEAN.

NEW ZEALAND

Bi Male Very Hot an Submisive Bi Guy living on the Beach in New Zealand would like to meet people who can turn me on. I am 6 ft, 85 kg, good looking, Sexy. I can accommodate if you are visting NZ. I have hot photos, Email me (John) for more at augaman@clear.net.nz

PENPALS - we have more men and women looking for Aussie friends, and penfriends worldwide. Also visit our Bi Personals on the Internet. Just go to our Home Page and click on the link to our Personals Pages. If you need details for any overseas people, so you can write or would like to be an overseas supporter by sending them a copy of National Biways, please telephone or write to ABN for details. See Pen Pals Page at Page 27.

PLEASE NOTE: Advertisements from bisexual and bisexually inclined people will appear for FOUR issues only unless renewed. Advertisements from Gay men or lesbians looking for other same sex partners or from straight men or women looking for opposite sex partners will only appear for ONE issue unless they are members or subscribers. There are plenty of other avenues for gay men, lesbians and straight people to meet others. It is not that easy for bisexual people thus this service. Please write your ad in English and post or e-mail it to ABN.

Eletter for Reclaim the Night

Hello Sisters

Reclaim The Night is an international march and rally against sexual violence for women & children held on the last Friday night in October of each year. You are invited to the march on the 30th October 1998 with your friends and family to join other women who demand freedom from sexual violence.

You can also join a collective of women who organise the annual event. We believe that it plays an important role in increasing awareness of sexual assault and empowering people to feel safe to speak out against sexual violence. There are over 40 collectives nationally, so there may to be one near to you.

For women who want to become a member of a collective, you don't need any special skills, just energy and a desire to speak out against the violence. Your commitment could be anything from one hour to what you want to make it. Collectives are meeting now to organise the 98 event, so if you can contribute let us know soon. If you are already planning your own event, you are welcome to list it on the rtn web. If you have a webspace, you are invited to choose a webring button from the rtn webspace. The web is being updated, ideas, suggestions welcome.

If you want to join/contribute, but don't/can't go to meetings, you can join the rtn eletter list, register from the webspace or let us know if u don't browse. Virtual sisters are welcome! We are looking for stall holders, performers, speakers, printers, media contacts etc. info will be forwarded to local collectives This year's national demand focuses on restoring funding to women's services. If you can contribute information, it would be welcome. rtn collectives everywhere!

rtnsyd@yahoo.com

http://www.isis.aust.com/rtn

on behalf of Reclaim the Night, Womens Intra Network Eletter - Women Working Smarter Together Email: webweave@isis.aust.com http://www.isis.aust.com

In Brisbane there will be a march through the streets followed by festival celebrations organised by the local women. For Time and place of meet phone Linda on (07) 3217 4155 or RTN (07) 3844 4008

Hi everyone,

I'm trying to get hold of as much information as possible about upcoming bi and lgbt conferences, retreats, events, calls for papers, etc. for the forthcoming issue of the bisexual resource guide. The focus should be on events happening after January 1, 1999. I need: Date of event, Name of event, cost, description, etc. (about 1 run-on sentence in length), who to contact (include both email, web pages, and snailmail and telephone numbers).

I'm looking for the dates of the upcoming bi conferences that were announced at ICB5, as I didn't write them down (remember: Vancouver, Rio, etc.) The address to write to is: Robyn Ochs, Bisexual Resource Center, P.O. Box 639, Cambridge, MA 02140, USA.

Thanks, Robyn



Everybody is welcome at Bar Bi. Ricky, pictured here, is not a member yet, but enjoys socialising with the rest of us. He recently moved from Sydney to escape the cold and rat race and is settling into the laid back lifestyle of Qld very well. Welcome Ricky and family!

JOKE: A young man, in the course of his college life, came to terms with his bisexuality and decided to "come out of the closet." His plan was to tell his mother first; so on his next home visit, he went to the kitchen, where his mother was busying herself stirring stew with a wooden spoon. Rather nervously, he explained to her that he had realized he was bi. Without looking up from her stew, his mother said, "You mean, bisexual?" "Well...ves."

Still without looking up: "Does that mean you suck men's penises as well?" Caught off guard, the young man eventually managed to stammer an embarrassed affirmative; whereupon his mother turned to him and, brandishing the wooden spoon threateningly under his nose, snapped:

"Dan't you EVER complain about the taste of my cooking again!"



TIME OUT



Does It Matter?

My father asked me if I am gay, I asked Does it matter?

He said No not really, I said Yes

He said get out of my life, I guess it mattered

My boss asked me if I am gay, I asked Does it matter?

He said No, not really,I told him Yes.

He said You're fired, faggot, I guess it mattered

A friend asked if I am gay, I said Does it matter?

He said, Not really, I told him Yes.

He said Don't call me your friend. I guess it mattered

My lover asked Do you love me? I asked Does it matter?

He said Yes, I told him I love you

He said Let me hold you in my arms,

For the first time in my life something matters.

My God asked me Do you love yourself?
I said Does it matter? He said Yes.
I said How can I love myself? I am gay
He said That is the way I made you
Nothing again will ever matter.

written by an anonymous teenager



The Most Beautiful Flower



The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree. Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown, For the world was intent on dragging me down. And if that weren't enough to ruin my day, A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play. He stood right before me with his head tilted down And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!" In his hand was a flower, what a pitiful sight, With its petals all worn — not enough rain, or too little light. Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play, I faked a small smile and then shifted away.

But instead of retreating, he sat next to my side And placed the flower to his nose and declared with surprise, "It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too. That's why I picked it; here, it's for you," The weed before me was dying.....or dead. Not vibrant of colors, orange, yellow or red. But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave. So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need," But instead of him placing the flower in my hand, He held it midair without reason or plan. It was then that I noticed for the very first time That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind. I heard my voice quiver, tears shone like the sun As I thanked him for picking the very best one. "You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play, Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day. I sat there and wondered how he managed to see A self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree.

How did he know of my self-indulged plight? Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight. Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see The problem was not with the world; the problem was me. And for all of those times I myself had been blind, I vowed to see the beauty in life, and appreciate every second that's mine. And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose And smiled as I watched that young boy, another weed in his hand About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

author unknown

BiNet USA Reaches Out to National Organizations

In an effort to coordinate, educate and cooperate with other progressive, human and social rights organizations, BiNet USA, the National Bisexual Network, has forged alliances to help end biphobia and oppression. In March of 1998, BiNet USA, kicked off its first Ally Campaign and has met with quite successful response. The Campaign is designed to advance bisexual rights and visibility and to solidify the relationship between these other national political organizations.

Campaign leader, Debra Kolodny says: "BiNet is delighted with the response. Though BiNet had positive dealings with many of these organizations before the Ally Campaign, this effort formalizes and professionalizes our relationship. BiNet now has institutionalized sustainable access to the leaders of the largest Lesbian, Gay and Transgender rights organizations in this country." MartEDn Ornelas-Quintero, Executive Director of The National Latina/Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Organization says he is happy to be part of this new coalition building: "By finalizing our alliance with BiNet, LLEGO joins the forces of Latina/Bisexuals with the larger Bisexual community, ensuring the diversity of the movement and creating a powerful network for the good of all Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Trangenders."

The organizations that BiNet now have formed partnerships to help end biphobia include:

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)
Magnus Hirschfeld Center for Human Rights
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF)
National Youth Advocacy Coalition
FTM International
Its Time America!
Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)
Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (Gender Pac)
National Gay and Lesbian Health Association
Unitarian Universalists Interweave
And Justice for All
GayLaw

The goals of the BiNet USA Ally Campaign are:

*To create strong political allies

*To be effective allies for others

*To raise funds to help achieve BiNet's organizing, advocacy and education goals

International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP)
National Latino/Latina Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization (LLEGO)

Allies are given a series of benefits, largely oriented towards visibility within the Bi movement. In return, allies donate through either financial contribution, visibility exchange, or in-kind contributions. As part of the campaign, BiNet clarified the actions it believes reflect a sincere alliance with the Bisexual Movement. BiNet will work with allies to advance their commitment on each of those actions, including, but not limited to:

- * Confronting /challenging /educating to end biphobia when you see it
- * Supporting Bi visibility within and outside of your organization
- * Recognizing both the intersection as well as the independence of the Bi Movement with the larger social justice and LGBT movements.

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The Silly Side of Prejudice

This story begins six years ago when a young outspoken bisexual chic, lends her equally outspoken (and covered with gay rights bumperstickers) car to her best friend for his drive home to visit his parents. The young man arrived at his house parked the car and went inside only to have his parents request that he move the car inside the garage because they were embarrassed to have it seen in the driveway.

He refused, and promptly made a point of borrowing said car whenever he needed to go home for the next 2 years. Now, time passed and the young girl moved away. Eventually the young man began to come to terms with his own bisexuality, and after a recent visit by the his friend went home to visit his parents, mentioning that she had been staying with him the week before. His father replied "Have you fixed her AC/DC yet?" And all the boy could think was "Huh? Why would I be tinkering with the electricity in her apartment when she lives halfway across the country, and is probably at least as competent with tools as I am?" he said "Huh?"

Eventually he figured out what his father was talking about and said "Now that would be kind of hypocritical of me wouldn't it?" But the clue mallet was not effective. The boy is now looking for a clue neutron bomb. If you know of any places that stock them, let me know.

Meledy meledy@magenta.com http://www.magenta.com/lmnop/users/meledy/meledy.htm

IPSWICH & TOOWOOMBA

** INQBLOT Pub Night Fridays from 7pm Federal Hotel, Ipswich.

** OCTOBER GALA BALL Waves will hold their Gala Ball in Toowoomba in October, for info call (07) 4636 6299.



SYDNEY SOCIAL EVENTS

** Monday - Sydney Bi Youth Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills.

Contact Sam (female contact) on 015-677 016 or Glenn (male contact) on 0414-664 888 or E-mail Glenn at: sby@queer.org.au. Followed by drinks at the Beresford (under 18's venue is held prior to meetings).

** Monday - SBN has an organised meeting in a space of it's own on the second Monday 8pm of every month. 170 King St, Newtown In the space above MACRO Wholefoods. After the meeting there is generally a small group of people that move on to a cafe for a late supper and more chit chat. For more info call (02) 9565 4281 or e-mail us at: sbn@bi.org.

** Saturday 5th. Sept 1pm - ten pin bowling at Hornsby and coffee at Karen & Ingo's afterwards, family and friends welcome.

** Friday 25th. Sept 10pm - girls night out Landsdown Hotel. Meet Karen near the dance floor. You can contact me by my web site: http://www2.one.net.au/~peace by clicking on my email address or you can ring me after 5 on (02) 94775924.

**Saturday 3rd of Oct - SLEAZE BALL. Contact Mardi Gras phone: (02) 95574332. Tickets available through Ticketek, must be a member of Mardi Gras to purchase tickets.

MELBOURNE SOCIAL EVENTS

** Melbourne Bi Youth Meet fortnightly from Saturday, the 25th of April (Anzac Day), 4 - 6 PM, at Melbourne University Union House, 2nd Floor, Joe Napolitano Room. Call Catherine for details on (03)95214128(w).

** Saturday 17th October 9am to 6pm 'Where the Wild Things Are' Conference 'Context' are organising a community conference on young people and sexualities in Victoria, focusing on GBLT and same sex attracted young people's experiences. Catherine Lawrence from MBY will be speaking at this Conference. 'Context' is a non-profit community organisation for teachers and youth workers interested in issues effecting GBLT people. To be held at Moreland City Council Town Hall Cnr. Dawson Street and Sydney Road, Brunswick. If you would like further info please call Michael on (03) 9386 0397 or Mic on (03) 9803 5108 or contact Catherine Lawrence, Melbourne Uni Student Union Welfare Officer ph (03) 9344 6973

ADELAIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

** As at the time of Publication of the National Biways no events were available for Adelaide. However if you would like to have an event or request any events please contact Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone (08) 8340 3538. ABN has been assured that Jason is only too happy to oblige where possible.

** Bisexual Men's Social Nights Edinburgh Castle Pub call (08) 8362 7931 Wednesdays & Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon.

ON THE NET New Bisexual Web Ring

I've started a WebRing for Australian Bisexuals, and called it OzBi (no connection with the mailing list of the same name). At present only the homepage is in the ring, but you can add to it by becoming a member, assuming that you're bisexual, Australian (or ex-patriot) and have a webpage. For further information, check out:

http://www.nettaxi.com/citizens/Seabrook/ozbi.htm

Cheers,

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Homesite:

http://www.tgworld.org/oceana/pollychrome/index.html

Religion:

http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/8944/

Creative:

http://members.theglobe.com/lauraanne/

NetZines:

http://members.tripod.com/~Octobriana/index.htm

HOME Pages:

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Brisbane Events

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OVERSEAS PENPALS & SPONSORING

The following Bi/Gay people would like to hear from bisexual &/or gay people in Australia. Many of those from Cuba have corresponded with ABN in Spanish giving personal details, interests, occupations, etc. We have not reproduced all their advertisements in the Bi Personals because we have not had all of them translated as yet but if you would like to write to one of these people or you would like to become a Biways sponsor of one of the many overseas individuals and groups ABN sends Biways to, then please contact us and we will provide more information on them. We send Biways also to individuals & groups in Papua New Guinea, Guam, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Hong Kong, China, Ghana, Malta, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, France, UK, Russia, Norway, Brazil, Argentina, Guatamala, Mexico, USA & Canada. Can you help by adopting a person or group and sending them a copy of Biways every 2 months or a letter now and then?

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BICAMP 98

COOLUM BEACH, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD. 20-22 NOVEMBER 1998.

The Australian Bisexual Network wishes to announce Bi Camp 98 to be held from Friday evening 20 November to Sunday 22 November 1998 at Coolum Beach in the heart of Queensland's fabulous Sunshine Coast.

We will be staying at the Maroochy Beach Council Caravan/Camping Park, David Low Way, Coolum Beach which has wheel-chair access to amenities. Camping cost will vary depending on numbers of people and cars but is around \$13 per day for 2 couples and \$4 a head for members of a group. ABN is not charging for you to attend the Bi Camp and any bisexual and bi-curious people, their partners and families are welcome to attend.

There will be some "round-table" discussions/workshops but plenty of fun with such facilities as pub with bands close by, 10 kilometers of golden sand beaches running north from Coolum, beach and rock fishing, bush walking, mountain and national park hiking, nude swimming/sunbathing, shopping, safe flagged swimming beach, creek swimming, pokies and more. You may even wish to organise a particular activity or workshop during the Bi Camp. If so, do let us know.

Coolum Beach is located just over 1 hour driving time north of Brisbane and about 15 minutes south of Noosa Heads. It is accessable by bus from Brisbane, Nambour and Noosa, by train from Brisbane to Nambour or Yandina, by plane from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to Sunshine Coast Airport just 10 minutes south of Coolum.

The Bi Camp will be BYO food and drink, camping gear, sleeping bags, etc., though we will have a communal tent for those without one. On-site caravans for those wishing more comfort are not available but are available at the Coolum Gardens Caravan Park across David Low Way from the council park. If you wish a van you must book this yourself by calling them on (07) 5446 1177.

If you plan attending, you must RSVP your attendance and a \$20 deposit must be lodged with ABN which will be refunded when you arrive and register at Bi Camp 98.

For more information contact:

Wayne Roberts at ABN on 07-3857 2500 or mobile 0416-068 532

or e-mail to ausbinet@rainbow.net.au

(information will also be on our web site)

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